

From: [Ergener, Deniz](#)
To: [Foster, Anne](#)
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: Galveston County Commissioners Court Unanimously Passes Resolution on San Jacinto Waste Pits
Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 1:14:57 PM

Thanks Anne. I have forwarded this to my management.

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From: Foster, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Ergener, Deniz
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From: Phillips, Pam
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To: Sanchez, Carlos <sanchez.carlos@epa.gov>; Peycke, Mark <Peycke.Mark@epa.gov>; Miller, Gary <Miller.Gary@epa.gov>; Foster, Anne <Foster.Anne@epa.gov>
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From: Gray, David
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David, We are going to report this. The suggestion is that folks in Galveston County were somehow not included in the commentary and deliberative process. Would EPA like to offer a response?

Greg 713-591-4480

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Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 10:52 AM

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Resolution on San Jacinto Waste Pits
FYI:

Ken Clark County Commissioner Working for You

For Immediate Release Contact: Commissioner Ken Clark, Pct. 4

December 18, 2017 Contact: kenclark@juno.com

Galveston County Commissioners Court Unanimously Passes Resolution Chastising The Environmental Protection Agency On San Jacinto Waste Pits Decision

(League City, TX) – Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark offered a county resolution calling out the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to inform local residents of the economic and environmental risk of their proposed San Jacinto Waste Pits, a federal Superfund clean-up. The resolution was unanimously passed by the Galveston County Commissioners Court.

‘It is outrageous that a bunch of Environmental Protection Agency bureaucrats in Washington, DC think they know what is best for Galveston County without having once conducted a public hearing to inform the residents as to the proposed remediation for the San Jacinto Waste Pits,’ stated Commissioner Clark.

The San Jacinto Waste Pits, originally created as a storage site for toxic sludge from paper mills, contains dioxin, a known carcinogen, and other toxic chemicals. The current plan submitted by the EPA calls for building a cofferdam and dredging the material, after removal of the temporary cap that has held the hazardous sludge in place through the flooding brought about with Hurricane Harvey.

Several local businesses and industry groups, including the Gulf Maritime Business Association, have called for the waste pits to be permanently capped. Removal by dredging the waste pits opens up the chance for toxic leaks that can severely harm the environment and ecosystems, thus disrupting economic opportunities.

The problem Commissioner Clark said, “Is that EPA bypassed working with Galveston County residents to find the best solutions - and that is unacceptable.”

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Abraham Lincoln